



April 13, 2012

Mr. Rick Hobrla
Office of the Great Lakes
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

Dear Mr. Hobrla;

To address the Added Cost to Agriculture and Industry BUI the St. Clair River Binational Public Advisory Council contracted ECT, Inc. to conduct a survey of water intake permit holders on the U.S. side of the St. Clair River. The survey was designed to determine if any plants had experienced shutdowns within the last two years and/or incurred any added costs associated with interruption of water intake or disposal of sediments. There are no direct Agriculture users on the U.S. side. The survey was conducted using funds from the 2011 PAC support grant.

The results of the survey were presented at the BPAC meeting on March 29, 2012. Based on the results, the BPAC voted to change the status of the Added Cost to Agriculture & Industry BUI from impaired to unimpaired. Industrial survey responders confirmed:

- *No plant shutdowns attributable to water quality over a 2-year period, and*
- *No added costs for the disposal of contaminated sediments.*

This meets the State of Michigan Restoration Criteria for this BUI.

The BPAC is pleased to support the conclusions drawn from the survey and to recommend the removal of the Added Cost to Agriculture & Industry BUI. We request that you initiate the formal review and removal process for this BUI, and thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patty Troy".

Patty Troy
US Co-Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kris Lee".

Kris Lee
Canadian Co-Chair